

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. – 48. (canceled)

49. (new) A computer implemented method for updating return on investment templates comprising:

- adjusting a modified template parameter value using an effectiveness factor and recording the modified template parameter value in a data list;
- plotting the data list on a histogram;
- determining if the histogram contains more than one peak;
- responsive to a determination that the histogram contains one peak, updating a default template parameter value;

- responsive to a determination that the histogram contains more than one peak, determining if the default template parameter value is within one standard deviation of a histogram peak;

- responsive to a determination that the default template parameter value is within one standard deviation of the histogram peak, updating the default template parameter value using a data for the peak which is within one standard deviation of the default template parameter value, and analyzing any histogram peak that is not within one standard deviation of the default template parameter value;

- responsive to a determination that the default template parameter value is not within one standard deviation of any of the histogram peaks, analyzing a histogram peak, and

determining if a standard deviation for the histogram peak is less than a template creation threshold;

responsive to a determination that the standard deviation for the analyzed peak is less than the template creation threshold, creating a new template using an average determined by analyzing the histogram peak; and

wherein the default template parameter value is updated by averaging a modified template parameter value with the default template parameter value to obtain an updated template parameter value;

wherein the effectiveness factor is determined by comparing the modified template to the default template, increasing the effectiveness factor when a consultant does not have to modify a default template parameter value, and increasing the effectiveness factor when the default template accurately represents a company's processes.